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For: CONTINUOUS ITEM PICKING IN A  
DISTRIBUTION CENTER USING  
COORDINATED ITEM PICKING PERIODS

Examiner: Khoi H. Tran

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed on January 18, 2005 (paper no. 20050110), the Examiner required election between:

Group I: Claims 1-29, 31-40

Group II: Claim 30

In response, applicants hereby elect Group I without traverse.

The Examiner further required election between the following species:

Species I: Claim 1

Species II:	Claim 10
Species III:	Claim 16
Species IV:	Claim 17
Species V:	Claim 18
Species VI:	Claim 19
Species VII:	Claim 20
Species VIII:	Claim 21
Species IX:	Claim 31
Species X:	Claim 35
Species XI:	Claim 36
Species XII:	Claim 40

In response, applicants hereby elect Species V. Further, because claim 16 – from which claim 18 of elected Species V depends – is generic with respect to claims 1-15 and 17-19, applicants expect that, if the Examiner determines that claim 16 is allowable, that claims 1-19 will be allowed.

Enclosed is our check for the extension of time fee. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 249768075US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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